# A TRUE RELATION OF THE Ceremonies At the CREATING of the KNIGHTS Of the Honourable ORDER of the BATH, the 18, & 19. *April* 1661.

With a Perfect LIST of their Names, in the same Order as they were Knighted by His MAJESTY.

*In uno tria juncta.*

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## Advertiſement.

THe Reader may pleaſe to take notice, That the Manner of Creating the Knights of the Antient and Honourable Order of the Bath, lately Printed by Philemon Stephens, was neither Falſe nor Erroneous, (as ſome would have it) but was Verbatim taken out of Mr. Dugdales learned Deſcription of Warwick-ſhire, (fo. 531.) and only wanted this Advertiſement, That that was the Antient manner uſed before the Reformation, which is now in many particulars altered, and in ſome abrogated.

Since that Pamphlet was publiſhed, the News-Book (which came out the 25 of April) Pretends to tell you the Formalities; but is both Defective in many particulars, and Erroneous in others. As that the Knights met on Thurſday 10 of April, And that the next day they Dined in the Painted-Chamber, &c.

This Paper therefore offers you an Exact Account of all the Formalities and Ceremonies, from diligent Obſervers, preſent at them All; And a perfect Liſt of the Knights, in ſuch Order as his Majeſty was pleaſed to Confer that Honour upon them.

Philemon Stephens

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# *The Ceremonies at Inſtalling the Knights of the Honourable Order of the* BATH, 19 *April* 1661.

ON *Thurſday* (18 *April* 1661) thoſe Lords and Gentlemen, who were by his Majeſties Command, called by the Lord Chamberlains Letter, to be Knights of the Bath, met about four of the Clock in the Afternoon, at the Court of Requeſts at *Weſtminſter*, where the Duke of *Ormond*, the Earles of *Northumberland*, *Suffolk*, *Lindſey*, and *Mancheſter*, His Majeſties Commiſſioners for that purpoſe, Sate, attended by Sir *Edward Walker*, Garter, Principal King at Arms, and other Heralds, and by Sir *John Eaton*, Huiſſier of the Black Rod, and called over a Liſt of the Names of thoſe Perſons, in ſuch order as they had been Ranck-ed by the ſaid Lords Commiſſioners, which was for the moſt part according to their proper places.

Of the whole Number in the Liſt, only 3 or 4 were abſent, ſo that 68 onely Appeared and Anſwered to their Names, and were Directed by the Heralds to proceed orderly towards *Henry* the 7ths Chappel, the Junior Knights firſt, each between his two Eſquires, and the Page following him; both Knights and Eſquires were then in their ordinary

Habits, moſt Regularly in Black, ſome of the Heralds going before them, with their Coats of Office upon their Armes.

When they came to the Chappel, every Knight made the wonted Reverence to the Altar, and ſo tooke his Seat; Evening Song being done, they were again called in order by the Heralds, the Junior Knight firſt, did like Reverence, and went back in like order to the *Painted Chamber* and Rooms adjoyning, where they Repoſed themſelves till Supper was ready, which conſiſted of at leaſt 200 diſhes of meat, beſides a noble Service of Sweet-meats at his Majeſties Charges.

This Supper was in Court of Requeſts, where a continued long Table was ſet up all along one ſide of the Room, an Eſcutcheon of the Knights Armes affixed upon the Hangings in order as they were firſt called, which was a perfect Index to direct the Knights to their proper places, and a means for the Eſquires and Pages to find their Knights, the crowd of people being great.

The Knights being placed on the Wall ſide, each under his Eſcutcheon of Armes, the Eſquires ſtood oppoſite to them on the other ſide the Table; the Antient Cuſtome it ſeems was, that the Knights ſhould ſit demurely for ſome time with the meat before them and eat nothing, but retire and leave it to their Eſquires, but that Cuſtome having formerly been broken, it was ſo now alſo.

The Eſquires ſtood bare for a ſhort time, till the Knights had begun to eat, and then the Eſquires (either by Right, or by their Permiſſion) were covered, and

and did eat alſo, but ſtood all Supper time.

About one of the clock in the morning, Supper being ended, the *Lord Cornwallis* and Sir *Charles Berkley*, the Treaſurer and Comptroler of his Majeſties Houſhold, bade them Welcome in his Majeſties Name, and then conducted them to the *Painted Chamber*, where, and in the Lords Houſe, and other Roomes adjoyning, their Bathing Tubs and Beds (which were Pallets, with Canopies) were prepared; which Canopies were of Red Say, and the Veſſels were covered with the ſame, and at the Teſter of every Bed alike Eſcutcheon of the Knights Armes was ſet up ſeverally, which directed each of them to his ſeverall Appartiment or Stall.

The Linnen (which was 24 Ells of Holland for every Bathing-Tub,) was provided by his Majeſties Barber, (at the Knights charge) and is part of his Fee; and after the Knights had bath'd themſelves more or leſſe, as they pleaſed, they went to bed, and early in the morning were bid Good Morrow by his Majeſties Muſick of ſeverall kinds. Then ariſing and Apparelling themſelves in a Hermit or Cordeliers habit, (being a long Ruſſed Gown with wide Sleeves and Hoods tyed cloſe about the middle with a Cordon of Aſh colour'd and Ruſſed Silk, reaching down almoſt to the Knees, and a Handkerchef hanging thereat) they proceeded to King *Henry* the ſevenths Chappell in the ſame order as on the Night before; and then doing the ſame Reverence, where they heard Divine Service, and took this Oath, which was read to them by Sir *Edward Walker*, before the ſaid Lord Commiſſioners who were ſeated in the midſt of the Chappell near the Altar.

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# The Oath.

*Right Dear Brethren,*

*GReat worſhip be this Order to every one of you; you ſhall Honour God above all things, you ſhall be ſtedfaſt in the Faith of Chriſt, and the ſame Maintain, and Defend to your Power. You ſhall love your Soveraign above all earthly things, and for your Soveraign Right and Dignity, Live and Dye: You ſhall defend Maidens, Widdows and Orphans in their Rights; you ſhall ſuffer no Extortion, as far as you may, nor ſit in place where any wrong judgement ſhall be given to your knowledge; and as Great Honour, be this Order to you, as every it was to any of your Progenitors, or Others.*

This done, and the Bible kiſs'd, they return'd in the ſame order they came to the *Painted Chamber*, and there put off their Hermits Weed, and were then roab'd with the habit of their Order, which was a Mantle and Surcoat of red Taffaty lin'd and edg'd with white Sarcenet, and thereto faſtned two long ſtrings of white ſilk, with Buttons and Taſſels of red Silk and Gold, and a pair of White Gloves tied to them, a White Hat, and White Feather: Thus attir'd, they came to the

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Court of Requeſts, where a noble dinner was prepared for them at his Majeſties charge alſo, ſerved up by his Majeſties Servants and Yeomen of the Guard, the Kings Kettle-Drum and Trumpets ſounding.

Dinner being done, each Knight had a Sword, the Pummell whereof and Croſs-Hilt were gilt, a Scabbard of White Leather, a Girdle and Belt of the like and gilt Spurs carried by their Pages, then they proceeded to the Old Palace-Yard, where they took Horſe, the Senior firſt, and the Heralds before them in their Coats, they Rode round the New Palace-Yard, and ſo thorough *Kings-Street* round about where *Charing-Croſs* ſtood, and then back again to *White-Hall*, where they alighted, and after they had gone about the firſt Court, they were conducted by the Heralds up to the Banqueting-Houſe, where his Majeſty ſate under a Cloth of State to receive them, they were brought up ſix by ſix, each between his two Eſquires, with his Page carrying his Sword and Spurs before him. In their Approaches before his Majeſty they made three Obeyſances, and each Knight being preſented by his Eſq; upon their knees to his Majeſty, the Lord Chamberlain of his Majeſties Houſhold received the Knights Sword from the Page, and delivered it to his Majeſty, who then with the Sword of State (ready drawn) conferred upon them their reſpective Knighthoods by laying the Sword upon their Shoulders, and putting the preſented Sword about the Knights neck in ſuch ſort that it might hang on his left ſide, & then his Majeſty put the Red Ribband, with the Order hanging at it, over the Knights head; which Order

der has three Crowns of Gold Enamelled with Green, and Incompaſſed with this Motto, *In uno tria juncta*. Which done, the Knight made his Obeyſances of Gratitude to his Majeſty; And falling back the reſt were Knighted in like manner. The premier Knight had his Spurs put on by an Earl, according the Ancient Cuſtome, which was omitted in the reſt for Brevity-Sake.

After they were all Knighted, they went down through the Privy Gallery into his Majeſties Chappel, and there heard Divine Service, with Muſick and Anthems, and then went up ſix at a time to the Altar, and offered up their Swords, where the Lord Biſhop of *London*, Dean of his Majeſties Chappel Royal received them, and laid them upon the Altar, and afterwards reſtored them with this admonition.

*By the Oath which you have taken this day, I Exhort and Admoniſh you, to uſe theſe Swords to the Glory of God, and Defence of the Goſpel, to the Maintenance of your Soveraigns Right and Honour, and to the upholding of Juſtice and Equity to your Power*; So help you God.

Whilſt the Biſhop laid the Swords upon the Altar, each Knight preſented an Angel of Gold into a Gold Baſon held by a Divine of his Majeſties Chappel, who ſtood on the left hand of the Biſhop to Receive them.

This done, the Knights returned from the Chappel; but at the door, the Kings Maſter Cook ſtood with his Apron on, and Chopping Knife in his hand, and as every Knight paſſed by, Said thus;

*Noble Knight, You know what a great Oath you have taken, which if you keep, it will be great Ho-*

*Honour to you; but if you break it, I must hack off your Spurrs at your Heeles, as unworthy of this Dignity, which God forbid.*

And for Redemption of his Spurrs, each Knight gave the Cook a Noble for his Fee. When they came to the great Hall, the Officers at Arms acquainted them, that on Munday following they were to attend his Majesty from the *Tower* to *White-Hall* on Horseback, in the same Robes wherein they were Knighted.

Both the Knights, and Esquires, to ride in distinct bodyes by themselves: And on Tuesday the Knights to meet early in the *Painted Chamber*, in their Purple Sattin Habits, thence to proceed before his Majesty to the Coronation at *Westminster-Abby*, and to attend him at Dinner in *Westminster-Hall*: All which was performed accordingly.

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## *A perfect* LIST *of the Knights of the Honourable* Order *of the* Bath.

Sir *Edward Fiennes*, Lord *Clinton*, Eldest son to the Earl of *Lincoln*.

Sir *John Egerton*, Lord *Brackley*, Eldest son to *John* Earl of *Bridgwater*.

Sir *Philip Herbert*, second son to the Earl of *Pembroke* and *Montgomery*.

Sir *William Egerton*, second son to *John* Earl of *Bridgwater*.

Sir *Vere Fane*, second son to the Earl of *Westmerland*.

Sir *Charles Berkely*, eldest son to the Lord *Berkeley*.

Sir *Henry Bellaſis*, eldeſt ſon to *John* Lord *Bellaſis*.
Sir *Henry Hyde*, (now Vicount *Cornberry*) eldeſt Son to *Edward* Earl of *Clarendon*, Lord High Chancellor of *England*.
Sir *Rowland Bellaſis*, Brother to the Lord Viſcount *Falconberge*.
Sir *Henry Capel*, ſon to the late Lord *Capel*, and Brother to the now Earl of *Eſſex*.
Sir *John Vaughan*, ſecond Son to *Richard* Earl of *Carbury*.
Sir *Charles Stanley*, Grand-child to *William* late Earl of *Derby*.
Sir *Francis Fane* } Grand-children to the late Earl
Sir *Henry Fane* } of *Weſtmerland*.
Sir *William Portman* Baronet.
Sir *Richard Temple* Baronet. ☞
Sir *William Ducy* Baronet.
Sir *Thomas Trevor* Knight and Baronet.
Sir *John Scudamore* Baronet.
Sir *William Gardner* Baronet.
Sir *Charles Cornwallis*, ſon to *Frederick* Lord *Cornwallis* Treaſurer of his MAJESTIES Houſhold.
Sir *John Nicholas*, eldeſt ſon to Sir *Edward Nicholas*, His MAJESTIES Principal Secretary of State.
Sir *John Monſon*, ſon to Sir *John Monſon*.
Sir *Bourchier Wrey*, ſon of Sir *Chicheſter Wrey*.
Sir *John Coventry*, Grand-child to the Lord *Coventry*.
Sir *Edward Hungerford*.
Sir *John Knevet*.
Sir *Philip Boteler*
Sir *Adrian Scroop*, ſon of Sir *Gervas Scroop*, who received

ceived nineteen wounds at *Edghill* battle for His late MAJESTY.

Sir *Richard Knightley.*

Sir *Henry Heron*, ſon of Sir *Edward Heron.*

Sir *John Lewknor.*

Sir *George Brown.*

Sir *William Tirringham.*

Sir *Francis Godolphin.*

Sir *Edward Bainton.*

Sir *Grevil Verney.*

Sir *Edward Harley*, ſon of the late Sir *Robert Harley.*

Sir *Edward Walpoole.*

Sir *Francis Popham.*

Sir *Edward Wiſe.*

Sir *Chriſtopher Calthrop.*

Sir *Richard Edgcombe.*

Sir *William Bromley.*

Sir *Tho. Bridges.*

Sir *Tho. Fanſhaw*, ſon of Sir *Tho. Fanſhaw.*

Sir *John Denham*, his *MAJESTIES* Surveyor Generall, ſon of Sir *John Denham*, Lord Juſtice of *Ireland*, and Baron of his *MAJESTIES* Exchequer in *England.*

Sir *Nicholas Bacon.*

Sir *James Altham.*

Sir *Thomas Wendy.*

Sir *John Bramſton*, eldeſt ſon of Sir *John Bramſton* late Lord chief Juſtice of *England.*

Sir *George Freeman*, ſon of Sir *Ralph Freeman*, one of his *MAJESTIES* Maſters of Requeſts.

Sir *Nicholas Slanning*, ſon to Sir *Nicholas Slanning* ſlain in his late *MAJESTIES* ſervice at *Briſtow.*

Sir

Sir John Kelle.
Sir Edward Heath, son to sir Edward Heath, late
Lord chief Justice of England.
Sir William Morley.
Sir John Bennet.
Sir Hugh Smith.
Sir Simon Leech.
Sir Henry Chester.
Sir Robert Atkins, son to Sir . . . . Atkins one of
the Barons of his MAJESTIES Exchequer.
Sir Robert Gaier.
Sir Richard Powle.
Sir Hugh Ducy.
Sir Stephen Hales.
Sir Ralph Bash.
Sir Tho. Whitmore.

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